

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a learning environment that will enable each student to work to potential in his/her quest to be a life-long learner and a productive member of society.

Calendar Items

Friday, April 20	12:00 p.m.	Principal's Brown Bag (Portable 15)
Tuesday, April 24	2:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Tuesday, April 24 – May 4		Technology Lab Open House (Computer Lab)
Wednesday, April 25		Read Aloud
Monday, April 30	7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	Bluebonnet Breakfast Celebration (Cafeteria)
Tuesday, May 1	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Kindergarten/New Student Round-Up (Cafeteria)
Tuesday, May 1	2:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, May 2		Casis Cares
Thursday, May 3	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (Portable 15)
Thursday, May 3	3:15 p.m.	CAC Meeting (Portable 15)
Monday, May 7	2:45 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Monday, May 7	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Austin Partners In Education Salute 2007 (Downtown Hilton)
Wednesday - Thursday, May 2 – 3		Nestle and Springer Classes to Port Aransas
Thursday - Friday, May 3 – 4		Deiterman and Batiansila Classes to Port Aransas

Casis Fun Run

Fun Run was fun for all! More than 300 participants joined us on Sunday for the 15th Annual Casis Fun Run. It was a perfect day, and we would like to thank all of the volunteers who donated their time and energy to this wonderful event. Special thanks goes out to Cindy Samok, Suzanne Plummer, Cami Hawkins, and Michelle Dante. Thanks also to the 5th graders who worked hard on this event to raise funds for their annual Port Aransas study trip.

Casis Chess Club

The 5th Annual Austin City Chess Championship tournament will be held on April 21st at Kealing Middle School. You can go to www.turbochess.com for additional information and an application. This is a good tournament to attend, so we hope to have a great turnout from Casis. Your child does not have to play all day. Please call Diana Graves at 480-0782 with any questions or via email at diana-graves@sbcglobal.net.

PTA Spring 2007 Contribution Form

In this week's Friday folder you will find the PTA Spring Contribution form with the following attachments: technology contribution, grade level t-shirt order form, and school supply order form for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Please make sure to complete one form per child. All forms are due May 18th. Checks can be made payable to Casis PTA. Additional forms can be found at www.casispta.org and are also located in the main office. Please contact Wendy Thompson at winifredpage@aol.com with questions.

Technology Lab Open House

The computer lab is hosting an open house for Kindergarten through 5th grades. The time of your child's open house will be during his/her regularly scheduled computer lab time. The general schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 24 th	Carter, Abshire, Dvorak, Olvera, Christian, Springer, and Deiterman classes
Wednesday, April 25 th	Cornwell, Porter, Pham, Hudgins, Ross, and Nestle classes
Monday, April 30 th	Mangels, Cavness, Downing, Heleniak, Carr, Hilgers, and Batiansila classes
Thursday, May 3 rd	Robertson, Markham, Bryant, Bunce, Martinez, Lindsey, and Morrison classes
Friday, May 4 th	Underwood, Davis, Proffer, Hirsh, Candler, Morales, and Chauvin classes

A detailed invitation will be sent home in your child's Friday folder. Come check out what your child has learned this year in our amazing technology lab!

Austin Partners In Education – Salute 2007

Congratulations to the Casis PTA, Casis Cares and Leadership Casis who are finalists for the Salute 2007 Austin Partners In Education Award Ceremony. Our PTA was nominated for PTA of the Year, Casis Cares was nominated in the category of Special Programs, and Leadership Casis was nominated in the category of School Spirit. We are proud of our parent volunteers for this prestigious recognition.

Leadership Casis

Please remember to complete your five outside service hours and turn the form into the Leadership Casis box in your classroom. Additional forms can be found on the Leadership Casis bulletin board. Our final meeting and party will be Monday, May 7th immediately after school. We want to celebrate and acknowledge the awesome job each of the LC members has done this year in service to Casis and our community. Contact Margie Medrano or Marcia Millikin with questions.

Leadership Casis – Mean Green Earth Saving Machine

That's our motto. Today, in your Friday folder you will find a brochure that was created by us, the Mean Green Earth Saving Machine. It has information on climate change and small things that you and your family can do to decrease carbon emissions and save money too. We hope you and your family will take some time to look it over and discuss it. We also hope that you will accept our challenge to check your tire pressure and change at least one light bulb to a compact fluorescent light bulb. If you do, please send in your challenge coupon. We will tally how many carbon emissions we saved from being released into the atmosphere. Please contact Margie Medrano at mmedrano@austin.rr.com with any questions or comments. Thanks, Leadership Casis.

Track and Field Days 2007

Mark your calendars! You are invited to the Casis Track and Field Days scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th. This year our theme is the Six Flags of Texas. Your children will participate in activities that represent the six nations that have flown their flags over Texas. We need your help to make this a great event for our kids. Please find a volunteer form in your child's Friday folder. These forms need to be returned to your child's teachers no later than May 2nd. Thanks in advance for volunteering to help us out. If you have any questions, please contact Dena Lewis at 944-4226, Allison Laughlin at 472-2717, or Carlotta McLean at 473-0814.

5th Grade Port Aransas Trips—Mark Your Calendars!

As many of you know, our 5th grade students will be taking an annual educational field trip to the University of Texas Marine Science Center where they will study various marine habitats. The Nestle and Springer classes are going on May 2nd and 3rd. The Deiterman and Batiansila classes will go on May 3rd and 4th. More information will follow.

Path of Excellence

The PTA is accepting orders for brick pavers on the Path of Excellence. A letter and order form were distributed recently in the Friday folders. The Path of Excellence is a great way to remember students, family members, and friends, express thanks to Casis teachers and staff, or show appreciation for someone who volunteers at Casis. If you would like to purchase an engraved brick paver, please submit your order form by May 21st. For more information on the Path of Excellence, or to download an order form, please visit www.casispta.org.

National Library Week

We'd like to express our appreciation to Barbara Nichols, our Casis Librarian, who has done such a fantastic job with the library. We'd also like to recognize Karla Irvin, our library assistant, along with all our wonderful library volunteers who work hard to provide support for our students when visiting our library. Way to go, Barbara, Karla, and volunteers!

Bluebonnet Breakfast Celebration

The celebration honoring 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who have read all 20 books on the Bluebonnet list will be held Monday, April 30th from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Congratulations, Casis readers!

Kindergarten and New Student Roundup

Kindergarten and New Student Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. All children who are five years of age before September 1st, 2007 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring your child, along with copies of your child's birth certificate, social security card (if available), a current immunization record, proof of residency (i.e. your electric bill or lease) and your driver's license/photo ID that shows your date of birth. Please be aware that in order for your child(ren) to attend school in Austin ISD, their immunizations must be up-to-date. If you have specific questions about what this entails, please contact the Casis Health Office at 414-7169 or AISD Student Health Services at 414-6171. Encourage your neighbors and friends to attend with their new Casis Cougars!

Calling All Books

Since we are nearing the end of the school year, please check your house, car and child's backpack to see if you have any text books, library books or books from the Literacy Library to turn in. Thank you.

Casis Book Donation Box

A collection box is now located by the school's front door for donations of new or gently used children's books. Donations will be accepted for the remainder of the school year. All books will be distributed throughout the Casis campus as needed. When cleaning out your children's rooms, remember the collection box.

Weekly Health Tip

Avoiding too much sugar at breakfast will help your child learn better and be more emotionally stable. Even though breakfast is a hectic time, "dessert for breakfast" should be avoided. Instead, include foods like a healthy cereal and/or multigrain toast (with natural peanut butter or apple butter) so that your child is provided with the energy needed for concentration and good humor. Fruit is recommended instead of fruit juice due to the high sugar and corn syrup content. Scrambled eggs with a little bit of shredded cheese or yogurt sprinkled with granola are also well liked and can be prepared quickly.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Carter's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week and again on Monday, April 23rd. Thank you in advance to parent-volunteers in Ms. Dvorak's class who will monitor April 24th through April 30th. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent. Thanks for all your help and support!

Sincerely,